## Part A.

# Twin Biology and Multiple Pregnancy

Twin Biology and Multiple Pregnancy examines the incidence and factors of twinning, embryology of twinning, and multiple pregnancy. The first volume of this three-volume set presents studies from countries throughout the world. Contributors discuss some of the maternal factors that have caused a decrease in both dizygotic (DZ) and monozygotic (MZ) twin births, such as decreased average maternal age, decreased fertility, and reduced parity because of contraception.

Twin Biology and Multiple Pregnancy also examines the effects of multiple pregnancy on the mother and her offspring. Mothers who experience multiple pregnancies may be more susceptible to complications such as gynecological diseases, hydramnios, pre-eclamptic toxemia, and a higher mortality rate.

Other topics of interest include the preconceptional prognosis of twin pregnancies, malformations unique to the twinning process, plasma steroids in twin studies, and an analysis of spontaneous abortion using a new half-sib model.

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The second section focuses on the components that can affect the development of a twin's personality. Topics of interest include ego phenomenology, twins reared apart, mortality and psychosis in twins, and common fears and phobias of twins.

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